

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

August 25, 1977

MEMORANDUM FOR THE HEADS OF

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENTS AND AGENCIES

SUBJECT: Comprehensive Review of Federal Food and Nutrition Policy

I have directed my Reorganization Project staff at the Office of Management and Budget to begin a thorough review of the organization and structure of Federal food and nutrition programs.

The Federal Government is unable to respond as effectively as it should to the important changes taking place in the production, processing, marketing, and consumption of food. As a result, our capability to develop and implement a coherent food and nutrition policy is severely hampered.

This review will focus on seven major areas:

- . Production and marketing of food;
- . Regulatory activities affecting food which now involve 14 agencies and over 2000 regulations;
- . Food research and education which is now conducted by 12 different organizations;
- . International activities which involve 12 different organizations;
- . Commodity procurement and distribution including the Federal feeding programs;
- . Aquaculture activities which are dispersed among three major departments, and
- . Conservation activities which affect the availability of good soil and water to grow crops.

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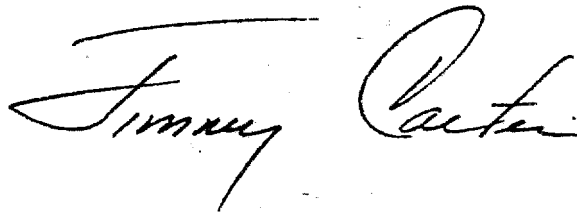
The objective of this review is to improve the Government's capability to address the Nation's needs for adequate supplies of reasonably priced, safe, and nutritious foods.

As part of this overall project I have directed OMB's new Regulatory Policy and Reports Management staff to begin a specific review of Federal food inspection, labeling and grading as well as other related food regulatory practices. The comprehensive food and nutrition policy review and the food regulatory policy review will be closely coordinated within the Reorganization Project.

This important effort will need the active participation of the Congress, Federal Departments and Agencies, State and local officials, and the public.

You may be asked to contribute time, resources, and staff assistance to this effort. If so, I hope you will make your best effort to do so.

In order to inform all affected parties that this review is underway, I have directed that this memorandum be published in the Federal Register.



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